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JOHN T. BAKER DIES SUDDENLY

This community was shocked last Thursday morning to hear of the death of Justice John T. Baker at his home in southeast Mexico. He had been in ill health for some time, but he was up town the day just before his death, and no one was prepared to hear of his sudden passing away—presumably from heart failure.

Mr. Baker was but 35 years old. The wife and two sons, John and Robert, survive him. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Baker, southwest of Mexico, who also survive him, besides one brother and two sisters, C. H. Baker, Mrs. Hattie Blum and Miss Bessie Baker, all of near Thompson.

Mr. Baker was a graduate of the Law School at Columbia. He began the practice of law in Mexico about 12 years ago. He had many friends who will be pained to hear of his death. Mr. Baker announced himself for congress from this district last summer, had Champ Clark received the nomination for the Presidency.

The funeral was held at the home Sunday afternoon, Rev. J. E. Ayscue preaching the discourse. There was a large number of friends in attendance. The pall bearers were: C. A. Barnes, Ernest Gant, J. W. Howell, D. A. Murphy, Wm. Brown and Horace Mundy.

NORTH MOLINO.

Felix Martin who has been quite sick is some better at this writing.

Mr. Fred Patterson visited at Dr. Duncan's and other old friends in this vicinity last week.

The friends of Rev. Beatty Rice here at Molino were very sorry to hear of his wife falling on the ice and getting her limb broken. We hope for her speedy recovery.

Henry Dudley and daughter, Miss Kate, moved to Mexico recently. They are both good church workers and will be missed here.

Joe Miller has the gripe.

Mrs. Martha Eubanks, a sister of P. R. Cauthorn, was 80 years old last Wednesday, Jan. 22nd. She was greatly surprised when she received a great big birthday cake that was baked and sent to her by her niece, Miss Neva Cauthorn. Yes, Aunt Martha, we know just how good that cake was. We have eaten of Miss Neva's cakes.

OAKLAND STOCK FARM.

N. T. Sneed of Halsey, Oregon, brother of Mrs. F. T. Harris, says: they have had fine weather out there till the middle of the month, when the weather turned severely cold. Mr. Sneed has seven Jersey cows, which average from seventy five to eighty dollars per month. Said they had been feeding green kale all winter.

Dan Ryan is laid up with a severe attack of rheumatism.

A letter from Mrs. W. L. Corner, at Spokane, Wash., states that they have been having very heavy snows out there. At Wallace, Wash., where M. A. Corner is located, the snow is 30 feet deep in places—perhaps in canons. People have to watch that the snow does not weight down the roofs of their dwellings and break them in.

J. H. Duncan, a brother of Mrs. George Clark of Mexico, died in Oklahoma a few days ago. The burial was at Arcola, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Clark here attended the funeral.

SPECIAL MENTION.

Coal Co. Sells—Mrs. Shoup Ill—Charles Cole "Back Home."

"Grandma" Teague, residing with her son, Charles Teague, near Laddonia, is greatly troubled with paralysis and other afflictions. She is quite aged.

S. J. Bowne, Jr., has been appointed deputy constable of Saling township.

The County Court has appointed S. D. Stocks as Justice of the Peace to succeed John T. Baker, deceased.

W. W. Wilson, of Rowena neighborhood, will move soon to the farm he recently bought near Thompson.

Charles Cole and family who moved from this county to Goodland, Kan., about a year since, didn't find the Sunflower State as Goodland as they hoped and are back to good old Audrain to stay.

The Mexico Fair is to be held August 12, 13, 14 and 15.

The Laclede-Christy Clay Products Co. of St. Louis has bought the Audrain Coal Co. mines at Vandalia. They will employ 50 men and will mine clay and ship it to their factory in St. Louis.

Mrs. Clyde Shoup, of Endicott, Wash., who has been visiting her parents for some time near Rush Hill, this county, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Givens, has been very ill of late and her husband arrived last week to be at her bedside.

Jack Kennan, near Thompson, a graduate of the Mexico High School, who is attending the State University, is a charter member of a new fraternity formed in that school—the Delta Omicron.

The Mexico Odd Fellows held an important meeting last Thursday night. Rev. W. H. Hook made a very informing and interesting address on the occasion.

Miss Annie Brennen, the daughter of Mrs. Mary Walker, southwest of Mexico, was married a few days ago in Moberly to Mr. H. E. Ryther of Kansas City. The groom has a position with Swift & Co. He Ryther did not want the wedding published for a week or two and offered the Moberly reporters a dozen fragrant Havanas if they would "keep it out of the paper."

Paul Hudson, north of Mexico, was kicked and knocked down and trampled upon by a horse a short time since, which compelled him to take to his room for several days.

Mrs. Emma Davidson, of near Benton City, visited for a week recently among friends at Laddonia and attended the big revival going on at the Baptist church there. Nine persons were added to the church during the week. Mrs. Davidson mentions that Mrs. "Bud" Kendall died in Laddonia while she was there.

According to County Assessor T. J. Kelso's annual report, the taxable wealth of Audrain county for 1913 is \$9,867,485. The taxable wealth last year was \$9,765,230. The year before that it was \$10,292,812.

Mrs. B. W. Hill, of this city, was called to St. Louis last Friday by telegraph to the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Addie Harvey, who is seriously ill, and also the rest of her family.

KILLED BY THE CARS.

Two Strangers Here Hit by Fast Mail Train.

Miles Robinson, 30 years old, of Chariton, Iowa, was struck by the C. & A. west bound fast mail train near the Brick Plant in Mexico last Saturday morning and instantly killed. His younger brother, Guy, was with him and he was also struck by the train but not dangerously hurt.

The men, it seems, were beating their way over the country, claiming to be looking for work. Just before the accident they had left the Brick Plant, where they stopped to warm. They wore ear muffs and did not hear the approach of the train. Miles Robinson was awfully mangled, his head and left arm being entirely cut off. Guy was injured in the head and back.

E. G. Robinson, the father of the boys, came here Sunday and took charge of the dead body of his son and also to care for Guy.

GANT ITEMS.

Ruth Sellers has been on the sick list.

Owen McCarty and wife were called to Springfield, owing to the illness of her sister there.

Frank McCally and wife who live south of Centralia visited W. P. Denham and family recently.

Tom Duffy delivered hogs to Mr. Powell of Mexico last week.

Emmett Sims and wife and Miss Mary Roach visited J. O. Sims and family last week.

"Aunt" Harriet Broadbush has returned home after a six weeks' visit with her daughter, Mrs. J. R. Hays.

Several from this neighborhood attended the entertainment at Pleasant Green and all report a splendid program.

SANTA FE ITEMS.

The prospect looks a little better now for getting our ice houses filled.

Rev. Kerr filled his regular appointment Sunday night at the Methodist church.

Mrs. Dora and Miss Maude Sterrett were guests of Mrs. Scobee and family last Tuesday.

Quite a crowd in town Saturday.

Robt. Smiley shipped a car load of fat cattle from Perry to St. Louis Tuesday.

Mrs. Dora Sterrett visited with Mrs. Marvin Snyder Wednesday.

Mrs. Scobee and Essie were the guests of Mrs. Mellhoney last Thursday.

John Hanger spent Thursday night with Doll Hanger and wife.

Mrs. Mattie Moore spent Thursday night with Mrs. Katie Lucas.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Hale, of Artesia, N. M., arrived in this county last week on a visit to relatives and friends. Mrs. Charles Harmon, of Mexico, is a sister of Mrs. Hale. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Rush Harmon, near Vandalia.

Mr. James E. Conklin and Miss Myrtle Harvey, out west of Mexico, were married here last Saturday, Rev. J. E. Ayscue officiating. Our best wishes extended the happy couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Summers, of Laddonia, are visiting Mrs. Summers' parents in Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Farrah. Mr. Summers called Tuesday and renewed for the Message.

Mrs. C. M. Skelley, northeast of Mexico, returned last week from an extended visit to her son, Wm. Skelly and family, in St. Louis.

Born, last week, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mudd, a son.

WOMAN BURN- ED TO DEATH

Mrs. Charles Ridgeway, of Kirksville, who was reared southwest of Mexico and who before her marriage was Miss Guthrie Triplett, was burned to death at her home Wednesday afternoon of last week. She was endeavoring to start a fire in the cook stove, it appears, and when it did not burn readily Mrs. Ridgeway took a two gallon can of coal oil and began pouring the contents on the smothered coals. An explosion followed, throwing fire into all parts of the home. A neighbor ran to her assistance. She was in a mass of flames and was trying to smother the fire with a quilt. She was rescued from the house but died a short time after.

Mrs. Ridgeway was a sister of Mrs. J. W. Brewer and Miss Ella Triplett of Mexico. The body was brought here for burial. Rev. W. M. Hook conducted funeral services. The burial was at Salt River church, near Gant, in the neighborhood of deceased's old home.

EAST LICK.

Winter weather.

Mr. Ham, an agent of The Watkins Medicine Co., transacted business in this vicinity last week.

Several of this vicinity transacted business at Laddonia Saturday.

Miss Sallie Slavens visited relatives at Rush Hill last week.

George Radley will soon move to the Amidon farm near Nadine. Public sales are the order of the day.

A few of this vicinity attended the Kirtley sale north of Farber a week ago last Tuesday.

Several of this vicinity attended the revival services at the Baptist church of Laddonia. Glad to see an interest taken in religious matters.

Socials and dances are numerous just now.

The I. O. O. lodge at Rush Hill has disbanded and surrendered its charter and the members will affiliate with the lodges at Mexico and Laddonia.

Mr. James Anderson and Miss Bertha Fuqua, both of this county, were granted marriage license last Saturday.

Miss Edna Armstrong, of Perry, visited her brother in Mexico last week, Willie Armstrong, and Mrs. W. B. Sappington.

Dr. Clarence A. Rothwell returned to St. Louis last week to re-enter a hospital to recuperate his health.

Mrs. Mat Melson, of Jacksonville, Fla., is here on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Louis McKee.

J. A. Guthrie, Jr., of this city, has gone to Southeast Kansas, where he thinks of locating.

Mrs. Grace Sharp, of Mexico, visited her aunt last week at Auxvasse, Mrs. Elmer Burt.

Miss Sallie Calhoun, of Mexico, is visiting Mrs. A. M. Morgan, at Beaumont, Texas.

Born, last week, to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bell, southeast of Mexico, a daughter.

Mrs. Annie Miller north of Mexico, has been visiting in St. Louis.

Mrs. F. C. Stoltz and children have returned from a visit in Tennessee.

SOME INTERVIEWS.

L. W. Jones Locates—Emette Davis' Visit—T. J. Jerman Talks.

L. W. Jones: Since I sold my farm southeast of Mexico I have bought a little 40 acre home southwest of Santa Fe, two miles north of Fisher school house. I have moved to it and settled down again. It is near the old neighborhood in which my wife was raised. Of course that makes Mrs. Jones glad, and I'm glad too.

T. J. Jerman: I live out at Gant. Lived there practically all my life. I first settled on the place just west of me, where Mr. Beatty lives. I got away from it, trying to find a better country, and then came back and got just as close to the old home as I could. My son, S. H. Jerman, in Texas, takes your paper and likes it. I have another son in eastern Audrain. All the Jermans like old Audrain even if some of them have strayed away.

J. D. Kendall: My home is at Waggoner, Ill. I've been down on the Texas coast for the past two months. Came direct from San Antonio here. Met Joe Kendall and his family at San Antonio. They have sold out at Headley, in the Panhandle, and will locate about 100 miles southwest of San Antonio. Joe Kendall made good at Headley; did fine. I'm in Mexico to visit my niece, Mrs. Oeola Lane. I am a brother of the late S. D. Kendall of your city. I came north just at this time because I became homesick. I told Joe Kendall I would be glad to see even a dog if it were from Missouri or Illinois. I expect to be back in Mexico to your big horse sale here month after next. I like a fine horse and in politics I like a man of the mettle of William Jennings Bryan. Now you have me sized up.

Emette Davis: My cousin and I, R. J. McCord, are here for a visit among relatives and friends from our home at Morganville, Kan. I am the son of the late Prof. S. T. Davis, of Audrain county. I located in Kansas about 12 years ago. After the death of my father, my mother and the other children moved out there also. Just a little less than a year since. Mother's health is good and she likes the Sunflower State fairly well. My sister, Josie, who graduated from the Mexico High School, is teaching an eight months' term of school near our home at \$50 per month. My brothers Charlie and Kenneth are attending high school at Clay Center and are succeeding well in their studies, getting fine grades. My brother, Tom Davis, is located at Coffeyville, agent for the American Ex. Co. Don't think we'll ever get back to Missouri, but we like the old State all right.

It is said that a 10 acre farm field in England will yield as much as 40 acres in the United States, and those old lands have been farmed for 700 years. They build up their soils—never take from the soil without paying back in manure or fertilizer.

A Chicago woman threw bricks thru a saloon mirror, where her husband had become a drunkard. She cried to the saloon keeper, "You have shattered my home, I will shatter your mirror, and lead an army of women to destroy every saloon in the city. My husband is a good man when not under the influence of liquor."

W. F. Smithy is afflicted with erysipelas.

THE COMMERCIAL CLUB.

Transacts Important Business at Friday's Luncheon.

The Commercial Club had a busy hour at their luncheon at Hotel Hoxsey last Friday.

The School Board's action in calling an election to vote \$25,000 to improve the South Side, the Central and High School buildings was approved.

W. F. Atkins, Ivan Ashworth and George Lee were appointed a committee to put on foot a movement for a large convention and coliseum for Mexico, to cost, possibly, near \$40,000.

George Lee, of the Fair Association, urged that Mexico should have the largest saddle horse stake of any city in the State this year.

A delegation was appointed to attend the county mutual telephone convention, to lend the encouragement of the Club.

President Morris appointed the following standing committees:

Membership—F. W. Piche, R. D. Worrell, T. J. Williams, Ivan Ashworth, Earl Brown.

Manufacturing Committee—W. A. Sharp, H. E. C. Tucker, E. O. Morris.

Publicity—Jno. Beal, E. R. Myers, L. M. White.

Public Improvements—R. M. White, A. Larsen, Dr. J. G. Moore.

Convention Committee—C. A. Barnes, Fred W. Llewellyn, Louis Barth.

Railroad Committee—N. Phillips, J. W. Dry, Frank Ragsdale, Dr. Wren, H. R. McKinley.

Agricultural Committee—W. W. Pollock, F. L. Crosby, C. P. Arnold.

Legislative Committee—Dave Robertson, S. D. Stocks, W. W. Fry, Jr.

Educational Committee—W. R. Kohr, H. Pryor, E. B. Street.

Jail Committee—Ns. Myers, J. G. Lakenan, C. A. Witherspoon, R. R. Buckner, Ross Cauthorn.

Public School Improvements Committee, appointed by Pres. Morris:

R. D. Worrell, L. M. White, Rufus Jackson, John Beal, Ross Cauthorn, A. P. Green, Wm. Morris, A. A. Wallace, W. Potts, Jos. Glandon, Jas. Squires, Walter Pollock, C. F. Clark, R. R. Arnold, Fred Piche, Theodore Williams, Sam Morris, Chas. Claybrook, C. P. Malone, L. B. Hawthorne, R. C. Strode, M. D., Dr. Paul Coil, Dr. Fred Griffin.

For Farm Adviser.

Greenfield, Mo., Jan. 24.—Prof. D. H. Doane, state leader of the Farm Bureau movement, addressed a meeting of Dade county farmers and business men at Greenfield today. At its close the organization of a bureau of this nature, which has been in progress for two weeks past, was completed and the officers of the newly formed organization entered into contract to raise the \$1000 a year required from the county. In this contract they are secured by the signatures of 500 farmers and business men pledging \$1 a year each, and by a further guarantee signed by members of the commercial clubs of Greenfield, Lockwood and Everton. The movement contemplates the employment of a farm adviser at a cost of \$2,000 a year, one-half of which is to be paid by the state and federal governments.

If there is to be a \$1,000 saddle stake at the Audrain County Fair this year there should also, without fail, be like stakes for fine cattle, hogs, sheep, etc. If you want the support of the farmers and the live stock folks, give them some encouragement also.

PETIT JURORS ARE CHOSEN

The following have been chosen as members of the petit jury for the March term of the Audrain County Circuit Court:

James Brockman and Benj. Morris, Saling Township; Robert Flynt, Elmer Gatewood, Hank Roberts and J. W. Holloway, Wilson; Frank Skelly and Marion Walker, Loutre; W. E. Edwards, Henry Schleeter, L. T. Walker, E. L. Beeby and George Van Buren, Cuivre; W. U. Coil and G. W. Day, Prairie; James Pledge, Mike Peck, Horace Mundy, Joseph E. Jesse, J. H. Heber and G. T. Schieffer, Salt River; J. W. Summers and Homer Dillard, Linn.

SURROUNDING AUDRAIN.

Charles Morse, The Banker—Not to Pay Church Assessments.

Poor persons who are members of the Christian Church at Columbia will have their church assessments paid for them from a fund established by the will of Miss Elizabeth Lowry, which was filed for probate. The persons to whom this will apply will be selected by the clerk and trustees.

The youth who was smoking a cigaret opposite the monkey's cage took another from his pocket. "Would it do any harm?" he asked, "if I offered him one of these?" "Not a bit," responded the attendant, "he wouldn't touch it. A monkey isn't half as big a fool as he looks."

Charles Morse, the banker who married a former Callaway county woman and who was pardoned from the Atlanta, Georgia, federal prison because he was supposed to be dying, has been entirely restored to his health, according to the report of the physician to Pope Pius X. The financier went to Italy to consult the noted physician and will soon return to America and continue the Wall Street game. His wife was a Miss Cowles, who was raised near Auxvasse, and she made a hard fight to get him out of prison.

The Sturgeon Fair is to be held the week of August 19.

James Wilkins, formerly of Laddonia, now a Bowling Green merchant, suffered a hard fall on the ice a short time since, which laid him up several days for repairs. Also, his wife has been quite ill for a month or more.

Wm. Whitehead, living near Wellsville, fell and broke the large bone in his leg below the knee a few days ago.

John LaFrance of Perry, according to the Enterprise, bought 11 Kentucky Jersey cows from C. S. McCoy at \$65 per head, and will start a dairy. Two of the cows are fresh and the others will be fresh in a month or two. In many places in Missouri, and all thru Iowa and Illinois, dairies are a profitable business, and John LaFrance can make the business pay. Mr. McCoy recently sold a Mr. Hart, of Centralia, 10 head out of the same herd at \$75 per head.

Mexico Savings Bank
Capital Stock, \$150,000.00
43rd Year in Business.
W. W. FRY, President.
SAM LOCKE, Cashier.